Kashmir? Like sweaters?
Students unearth facts in first-ever Geography Quiz Bowl

By Isabella Solomon
Staff Writer

Students “wowed” us with their vast knowledge of geographical trivia on Thursday, Nov. 17, in the Frey Conference Suite.

The event was set up just like a game show, complete with a host, timekeepers, scorekeepers, judges and light-up buzzers.

The atmosphere was comfortable, casual and fun. Complimentary beverages were served.

Prizes contributed to the contestants’ motivation to win it all, but they were not the only ones who were offered goodies. The audience members, most of whom were students supporting their peers, won prizes, too.

Wayne State College’s First Annual Geography Bowl was organized and hosted by Dr. Randy Bertolas.

“Heads on buzzers. Silence please,” Bertolas said as the game began.

Eight teams participated in the bowl. First up were “The Underdogs,” which consisted of captain Kendra Herrmann, Bailey Jackson and Jordan Kent; and “Scranton Branch,” comprised of captain Trevin Launsby, Jeremy Morse and Mike Mallette. The Underdogs won 18-10.

Team KGB, consisting of Gabe Gauthier, Zach Kalina and Ben Polacek, were the champions of the 2011 Geography Quiz Bowl held in Frey Conference Suite.

Wayne digs up new business
Ceremony celebrates introduction of Cobblestone Hotel & Suites

By Emily Houdersfeldt
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Excitement was in the air at the groundbreaking ceremony for Cobblestone Hotel & Suites.

Many people gathered at the Wayne Fire Hall to listen to the speakers, including Wayne State College President Curt Frye.

Wes Blecke, director of Wayne Area Economic Development, began the ceremony.

“This hotel has been a long time coming,” Blecke said. “We’ve been involved for almost two and a half years.”

He introduced the next speaker at the meeting, Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman.

“This is an exciting day for Wayne,” Heineman said. “It represents what is happening across Nebraska. You don’t have to leave the Midwest very far before you don’t see economic development like this.”

Other speakers at the event included Mayor Ken Chamberlain, Nebraska Sen. Dave Bloomfield, President of Northeast Nebraska LLC Kent Franzen and Wogernese also cited the support and enthusiasm from the citizens of Wayne as two important factors.

Wayne was looking for a hotel, too. The Board of Wayne Area Economic Development ordered a study that suggested that a hotel with 100 rooms would be suitable for the size and traffic of Wayne.

Much of the startup capital came from Wayne citizens.

“Almost 50 local folks have put in half a million dollars,” Franzen said.

That type of confidence in a business can be hard to come by.

In his speech, Heineman mentioned that the growth of new businesses in other states has faltered, while in Nebraska, places like Wayne continue to grow.

“It’s nice to see people here having confidence in Wayne,” Sen. Bloomfield said. “[A project like this] takes local involvement. [People] have to have enough confidence in Wayne to invest time and money into it.”

The hotel is scheduled for completion by June 21, but both the Wayne people and the Cobblestone developers hope to finish in time for WSC graduation.

“Without the college here, I don’t know if the study would have come back as favorable,” Franzen said. “WSC brings a lot of business in.”
NEWS BRIEFS

By Norma Volkmer
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Christian Women’s Conference to take place Dec. 3 in West Point

A Christian Women’s Conference will take place in West Point at the Nielsen Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 3. The event will contain sessions, speakers, worship and lunch with the goal to establish relationships with other Christians. To register, e-mail your contact information to uwalkinthelight@yahoo.com or call (402) 922-1665.

Season of Light to feature various holiday customs and traditions

Wayne State College will be showing “Seasons of Light” this month, with shows Dec. 3, 11 and 18 at 3:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. The show will look at a variety of different cultural and religious customs that occur during the winter solstice, from Christian Christmas to kissing beneath the mistletoe.

Madrigal Singers to showcase talents in three-day performance series

The 40th Annual Madrigal Dinner at Wayne State College will occur this weekend, beginning with a dinner Friday and running through Sunday in the Frey Conference Suite of the Student Center. Tickets are $27 and can be reserved online at www.wsc.edu, which also contains more information about the event.

Students and faculty encouraged to donate in blood drive today

The Life Serve Blood Center Bus will be on campus today and tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., taking blood donations outside the Student Center. To donate, schedule an appointment at www.lifeserveblood-center.org or call (800) 287-4903.

Stockings of Hope project seeks donations for children in Omaha

Stockings of Hope, sponsored by Wayne State College student Kyla Walsnover, will finish accepting donations on Dec. 5. The project’s goal is to raise enough donations to stuff over 100 stockings for children in Omaha. There is a table set up every Monday and Wednesday outside the upper cafeteria with lists of needed items and to accept donations.

Black and Gold Series and Holiday Gala set for Sunday, Dec. 11

The Wayne State College Black and Gold Performing Arts Series will open with the 12th annual President’s Holiday Gala Concert on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. in Ramsey Theatre. The concert is free, with a dessert reception hosted by current WSC President Curt Frye following the performance.

No Glove No Love Wrap It Up’ aims to inform students about STDs

The Black Student Union, a newly admitted Wayne State College student organization, is sponsoring “No Glove No Love Wrap It Up” today beginning at 2 p.m. in the Student Center. There will be free STD testing as well as free condoms and pamphlets. Everything is confidential, and everyone is welcome.

By Logan Morris
Staff Writer

Wayne State volunteers work to feed 66,000 through Mercy Meals at Cup of Grace

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, enough meals were packed at the Cup of Grace in Wayne to feed over 66,000 hungry people. The goal of Mercy Meals was to pack 13,000 meals. With each meal feeding at least four people, the target was to be able to feed 52,000 people.

The extra meals packed were paid for by various donations to the Orphan Grain Train.

“Mercy Meals was a success,” Pastor Carl Lilienkamp of the Grace Lutheran Church said. “We exceeded expectations with the number of meals packed.”

There were 40 cardboard boxes to put the packed meals into. Once the boxes were all full, meals started being placed in the rice sacks.

As volunteers walked into the Cup of Grace, they first put on an apron and a hair net and then washed their hands.

There were two tables set up and factory-style lines. Both tables were full for the majority of the time, and plenty of volunteers came to help at the event. The workers continued packing meals until all the supplies ran out. The meals consisted on ingredients to make soup.

“I went with Ted Perry on Saturday to take the meals back to the Orphan Grain Train,” Brandon Timm, a WSC student and Grace Lutheran Church member, said. “It sounds like the meals are going to go to Kenya.”

The Orphan Grain Train is a non-profit organization run mostly by volunteers.

Through WSC’s efforts and the Orphan Grain Train, some of those people are getting a meal and are no longer going to bed hungry every night.

Geography Bowl brings ‘brilliant teams’ head to head

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The contestants were given five seconds to answer each question, which covered many different areas such as government, religion, mathematics, Shakespeare and, when Eminem’s given name and Snoop Dogg’s hometown were asked, celebrities.

KGB, The Underdogs, Globe Trotters and Thundercats advanced to the semi-finals. The losing semifinalists were sent off with maps. KGB beat The Underdogs 17-10, and Globe Trotters beat Thundercats 1-0 in the semi-finals, which meant that KGB competed against Globe Trotters in the final round for the championship title.

The final question was, “Switzerland has four official languages. Name two.” Even though both teams answered correctly, KGB won because they were ahead by two before the question was asked. The final score was 24-22.

The runner-up team won mugs, gift cards for Godfather’s Pizza and pins. The winning team went home with WSC hoodies, cups and atlases donated by the WSC off-campus bookstore.

“This is more of a leisure activity for us, so there was not much preparation put into it. We’re just here to have fun,” captain of the winning team, Zach Kalina, said. “It feels great to win. The other teams were brilliant as well.”
Wayne State students discover opportunities through internships
Weirich and Moser explore fields in construction and golf

BY TESSA MOSER
Staff Writer

Managing a construction site and golf course are what two different interns got to do this past summer.

Wayne State College student Justin Weirich completed his summer internship at Kiewit Building Groups, a construction company in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Justin Weirich first started in construction in high school, and it was something he decided to turn into a career. His internship with Kiewit Building Groups took him all the way down to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he got to be a part of the outfitting for the general contractor on site.

“It was a good experience, fun to move down and see that part of the country. It was a different scope I’ve never been around,” Weirich said.

Getting things done was the main priority at the offshore drilling site for the Wayne State College senior. Being a part of a big project was really eye-opening for Weirich, and it was something that he enjoyed doing. This was his fourth internship, and he knew he could possibly land a job after its completion. Weirich did get a job offer on another project from KBG, which he will start once he graduates in December.

“All the pieces started to make sense, you start to learn what you’re doing and why you’re doing it, and you start to get good at it,” Weirich said.

If you want to get your foot in the door, he said, the best way to do so is through internships.

Sport management major and senior Maddy Moser got to explore some of Nebraska’s most beautiful courses this past summer from Heritage Hills in McCook to Arbor Links & Table Creek in Nebraska City. Being a member of the Nebraska Women’s Amateur Golf Association allowed her to gain knowledge on the most challenging parts of the game.

“The most challenging part was learning concepts of golf and how they apply to the game,” Moser said. “A rule is written in words but can be interpreted in different ways.”

When she was on the golf course, she helped set up tournaments and communicated with the host clubs on course information. Once she familiarized herself with the computer software that was used, managing the tournaments was easier on her. The most rewarding part for her was building relationships with others.

“I was able to meet a lot of diverse women and develop friendships as well as professional relations with them,” Moser said.

The advice she would give students is to keep in mind that there are many different internships related to your major.

Student Senate
Math Club becomes new organization; Leslie Stake becomes Morey Senator

BY KELLA RODIEK
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President Joe Whitt presented a strong message when the Student Senate met on Sunday, Nov. 20.

“What we do is really important, and I hope we don’t take it lightly,” Whitt said. “We need to make it a priority, because of who we are and who we represent.”

This message to the rest of the Senate can be taken as an encouragement to ensure that all members are taking full responsibility for their positions. They have a great deal of control over what happens on our campus, and it’s important that it is handled to the fullest extent.

Leslie Stake was inducted as the new Senator of Morey Hall.

Math Club is now an official organization, open to anyone interested in math, not just math majors. Kappa Mu Epsilon, the math honor society that requires high standards, was previously the only math organization.

Title IX policies were reviewed by the Student Athletic Advisory Board to make sure Wayne State is in compliance. If changes are needed, WSC will be looking to add women’s varsity sports. Among the possibilities are tennis, rugby or swimming.

The track teams’ allowed practice time was deemed unsatisfactory, and the policy will be discussed further to find the best solution possible. This led to the proposition of creating a student athlete forum, led by Student Senate, to be the liaison between athletes and the changes they wish to see.

The next and final meeting of the semester will take place at The Max on Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Driver in Calfee and Oberg accident to be sentenced

**By Megan Hitz**

*Staff Writer*

The driver who struck two Wayne State College students in a head-on collision earlier this year has pled guilty to two charges of motor vehicle homicide in the Dixon County District Court. Alexis Calfee, a 19-year old Bennett, Neb. native, and Chris Oberg, 20, of Mapleton, Iowa, who died at the scene of the Dixon County accident, were both WSC students and student athletes.

Robert Mahler, 55, of Hubbard was driving under the influence of alcohol in the evening hours of Friday, Sept. 9, when his vehicle crossed the center line on Highway 9 near Emerson and struck Oberg’s motorcycle. According to reports, Mahler’s blood alcohol content was more than twice the legal limit of .08. He has also previously pled guilty to one count of driving while intoxicated.

Mahler will be sentenced on Monday, Jan. 23. Mahler faces a possible prison sentence between one and 50 years for each count of motor vehicle homicide for which he is convicted in court.

WSC Winter Wonderland

Campus organizations give Student Center holiday flair

At 7 p.m. last night, Residence Life and the Student Activities Board hosted Winter Wonderland in the Student Center Atrium. A base donation of $20 was collected from campus groups that desired to represent themselves with a decorated tree. The donations from clubs and voters will be used to purchase toys for less fortunate children to be given during the holiday season.

Wayne Police Report

Tuesday, Nov. 15
8:02 a.m. - A caller reported a theft on Windom Street. A report was taken.

1:32 p.m. - A caller reported a theft at Raintree Liquor Store on Main Street.

Wednesday, Nov. 16
3:02 p.m. - A caller reported a two-vehicle, non-injury accident on Main Street at the State National Bank Drive-In. A report was taken.

Thursday, Nov. 17
11:35 a.m. - A caller reported a theft at Quality Food Center on Dearborn Street. A report was taken.

2:26 p.m. - A caller reported a two-vehicle, non-injury accident at Los Arcos on Main Street. A report was taken.

8:16 a.m. - A caller reported a suspicious person on Lincoln Street. The person was gone on arrival.

Friday, Nov. 18
4:43 a.m. - A caller reported a parking complaint on West 4th St. The vehicle was issued a parking ticket.

Sunday, Nov. 20
5:19 p.m. - A caller reported a theft on Blaine Street. A report was taken.

11:51 a.m. - A caller reported a parking complaint on Lincoln Street.
Daktronics dream job
Wayne State College student turns internship into full-time opportunity

Even before beginning her internship as a writer for the Commercial Sales and Marketing Group at Daktronics, Candace Binder knew she had found a perfect match with Daktronics.

“Daktronics had an opening, and the job description was exactly what I was looking for,” Binder said. “After my interview, I wanted the job more than anything. I loved everyone that interviewed me and the opportunities Daktronics would offer me.”

Binder, a Wayne State College student who will graduate this December, landed the internship.

She is currently pursuing a degree in mass communications and a minor in journalism, so having the opportunity to write and publish news releases and produce marketing procedures for Daktronics was the perfect fit.

“I have had many great experiences while working at Daktronics, such as helping coordinate the CBU Picnic in August, and updating employee biographies led me to meeting many new faces at Daktronics while enhancing my writing and interviewing skills,” Binder said.

Binder also attended the Tri-State Sign Expo in Joplin, Mo. This was her first time working in sales, and she found the experience very beneficial.

She also helped with a sales expo. “Helping with the sales expo gave me a better understanding of a coordinating position as well as sales experience,” Binder said. “I was also able to see a few familiar faces from sign companies that I was able to meet and establish relationships with at the Tri-State Sign Expo.”

Binder said the thing she enjoys most about her job is the people she works with.

“Working with people you feel comfortable around enhances your workday as well as your performance,” Binder said. “I’m also very pleased with my responsibilities and the various opportunities of working outside of my department to experience other areas of interest.”

Binder’s supervisor, Teri Ronning, said Binder has a variety of strengths besides writing.

“Candace is working to streamline and build our email newsletters. We have nearly a dozen sent out each month. We quickly realized Candace is truly a people person,” Ronning said. “We’ve been able to capitalize on her strengths by involving her at our Sales Expo and other events, where she can directly interact with customers.

Her experiences at Daktronics are preparing her not only for her journalism career, but have opened up other avenues she may not have thought of before her internship.”

Binder will graduate from Wayne State College in December with a degree in mass communications and a minor in journalism. Binder has decided to join the Daktronics team full-time after being offered a position following graduation.

Nebraska poets read for WSC staff and students

Plains Writers Series brings three poets to campus

By Jason Geu
Staff Writer

Aspiring Wayne State writers gathered in the lobby of the Humanities Building on Nov. 17 to listen to readings from Nebraska poets Sarah McKinstry-Brown, Amy Plettner and Neil Harrison.

With English and writing students taking the time out of their schedule to give their attention to the speakers, this year was the best turnout to date, according to WSC Press Manager Chad Christensen.

The time allowed the students and other audience members to ask the writers questions, and they were more than happy giving advice to the young writers.

“Keep reading and keep writing,” McKinstry-Brown said. “It’s a lot of hard work and bashing your head against the wall.”

We like doing this event because it’s a reminder that there are many successful writers and poets in the Midwest.”

-WSC Press Manager Chad Christensen

The writers didn’t just stand in front of the audience reading and answering questions. Students had the chance to get to know them on a personal level as well. The guest writers also judged the Poetry Slam later that night at The Max.

“We like doing this event because it’s a reminder that there are many successful writers and poets in the Midwest,” Christensen said.

Writers like or just as well-known as McKinstry-Brown, a Nebraska native and winner of the 2011 Nebraska Book Award for Poetry and the Academy of American Poets Prize; Amy Pletter, author of the poetry book “Undoing Orion’s Belt;” and Neil Harrison, author of the poetry book “Back In the Animal Kingdom” can be seen once every semester here at WSC during the Plains Writers’ Series.

Rain Tree
421 Main St. | 375-2090

Miller Lite 24 pack - 16 oz cans $18.99
Burnett’s 750ml flavored vodkas $9.99
Seven contestants in four different competitions vied for top prize in this year’s Beauty and the TKE competition.

Seven young “ladies” showed up to compete in the events this year. Among the contestants was Tata Delicious, who has been in the running for three consecutive years. The other competitors were Alexa the Bearded Lady, Penelope, Tonya, Felicia, Joanna and Miranda.

The first competition was evening wear.

Each lady came out with her own individual flair, inciting the crowd to loud cheers and whistles.

Nathan Hughes, the 2010 winner and this year’s master-of-ceremony, announced each of the girls.

After evening wear and swim wear came the talent and question portion of the show.

The ladies finally got a chance to show just how talented they are. There was dancing both improv and choreographed, music lip-synced and a cappella. After the talents, each contestant was interviewed by Hughes.

“It takes a lot of guts for these guys to get up here and do this,” Officer Dom, a guest speaker at the event, said.

The reason these guys got up there was to raise money for Haven House.

To vote, money was placed in containers labeled with each contestant’s name. The container with the most money was named the winner. All the proceeds from the voting, as well as the proceeds from the silent auction, were donated to Haven House. The TKE’s had gift cards and coupons to local businesses, which were all a part of the auction.

“This money is going for a really good cause,” Hughes said.

It was time to discover who had done the best in this year’s Beauty and the TKE contest.

Runner-up—TaTa Delicious.

After three years, it had come down to runner-up for this competitor. And the winner is... Tonya with her Justin Beiber lip-sync won in a landslide.

In an effort to inform people about national hunger and homelessness, Dr. Todd Greene had his social welfare class participate in the annual “Cram the Van” collection drive.

The annual drive was started by Jean Karlen about 10 years ago, and Greene took over last year. Hunger and Homelessness Awareness is a national campaign that addresses poverty issues. It takes place each year in November.

A Wayne State College van was parked at Pamida and Pac ‘N’ Save; students then collected donations from patrons. This year, the van was at Pamida on Wednesday, Nov. 16 and at Pac ‘N’ Save on Thursday, Nov. 17.

Both days the students collected donations with the goal of cramming the van full of items to be donated to the local Wayne Food Pantry. Donations accepted were food, clothing, personal hygiene items and other household non-perishables.

Sociology students were on site to distribute information flyers and collect donations. Supplies at the local food pantry are low, and with the holidays approaching, more food was needed.

“Visually, the van had the same amount as last year,” Greene said. The floors and seats of the van were filled. Greene would like to put the food items wanted and needed on the list so that next year, people will know exactly what to bring.

“Everyone at some point needs help, and they don’t know how to ask,” WSC student Adam Hawthorne said. “By doing this, they are getting a form of help that they need.”
Wildcat women claw their way into history

Wayne State registers first top-five ranking ever

By Tessa Moser
Staff Writer

The Wildcat women achieved their highest ranking in team history, jumping two spots to fourth in the nation as senior forward Ashley Arlen was named NSIC Player of the Week for the second consecutive time.

On Saturday night, the Wildcats took on William Penn University, beating them 91-52. WSC ended the first half on a 15-2 run, giving them a 45-24 half-time lead.

In the second half, WSC was able to increase its margin and allowed the Statesmen to shoot just 10-34, and 20-60 the entire game. Ashley Arlen had 23 points to lead the Wildcats followed by Jennifer Kalbfell with 22 points.

Last Tuesday night, WSC edged Newman University 76-67. The Wildcats had the lead 21-11 at the 10:36 mark, but a layup and three three-pointers by the Jet offense allowed them to take the lead 22-21 with a little under eight minutes to go in the first half. Newman led 32-30 at halftime.

“We knew we had to come out and make plays,” Arlen said, and the Wildcats were able to do that in the second half.

The Wildcats pulled away from Newman. Arlen and Claire Duwelius had six three-pointers for the team in the second half, ending with 47 points between them. The Wildcat defense didn’t allow any points from the Jets the last 1:24.

On Nov. 19, WSC at Chadron State and won 70-57, led by Ashley Arlen’s 33 points. A jumper by Ashton Yossi with 12:22 left in the first half gave the Wildcats an 18-6 advantage. With a 34-27 advantage at halftime, WSC got the margin up to 20 points, fueled by Arlen’s 21 points. The defense held the Eagles to just 30 percent shooting, but the hosts also had 19 offensive rebounds.

“We have to get better rebounding now, both offensively and defensively,” head coach Chris Kielsmeier said.

A day earlier, the Wildcats visited South Dakota School of Mines, winning the game 71-65. The bench helped produce 39 points in the game, with Yossi netting 16. With the score 33-32 in favor of the Lady Hardrockers at halftime, WSC was able to pull away in the second half 54-43. The defense was able to hold off a late run by SDSM.

Conference play starts on Friday, when WSC takes on undefeated Minnesota State at 6 p.m. in Rice Auditorium. Getting a win will be huge.

“I think that it is very important, it gives us a huge advantage in regions, and it just gives us more confidence,” Kalbfell said.

All WSC fans are asked to wear white at Friday’s game. Southwest Minnesota State will also visit Rice on Saturday for a 4 p.m. contest.
WSC rally falls short
Thirty-point halftime deficit too much to overcome for Wildcats against UNK

By Travis Corley
Staff Writer

The Wildcats fall to 1-3 on the season after non-conference road games.

“Playing on the road is difficult at any time during the season, especially three of your first four games,” head coach Paul Combs said.

A second half comeback by Wayne State wasn’t enough versus in-state rival University of Nebraska-Kearney last Tuesday as the Wildcats fell 85-77.

Senior point guard Vontrell Seroyer played a tremendous game marking his career high with 32 points, making 13 out of 17 shots from the field.

“Vontrell is playing with great confidence and has worked hard in the off-season to improve his overall game. His jump shot is much improved, which makes him a difficult match-up,” Combs said.

The second half of the Wildcats showed promise. The Wildcats managed to rally from a 30-point halftime deficit. Kearney led 46-16 at the break.

“Our defensive intensity picked up, and we started to make some plays in transition, which turned into high percentage baskets,” Combs said. “We were also able to defend their three-point shot much better in the second half.”

Seroyer hit a three-pointer with 10:40 to play, and the Lopers lead was trimmed to nine.

Wayne State was trailing 63-52 with eight minutes remaining. The Wildcats went on an 8-0 run to get within three. With the score 63-60, the Wildcats were looking to avenge the halftime deficit and win the game.

The Lopers increased their lead back to double digits with three minutes in regulation.

Seroyer answered with another lay-up with 1:16, but time was a factor for the Wildcats.

Kearney capitalized on late free throws to post the win over WSC.

Transfer Clayfell Harris finished the game with 12 points and eight rebounds, Derell Williams had 11 points and Nick Wuebker added 10.

The Wildcats collected their first win on the season against University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, defeating the Mountain Lions 67-61 on Nov. 19.

Amry Shelby and Williams combined for 40 points. Shelby had 24, and Williams added 16.

Solid shooting helped the Wildcats to maintain their first half dominance.

The Mountain Lions went on a 16-6 run over an eight-minute stretch, taking their first lead of the half at 30-29.

Wayne State took a 31-30 lead into the locker room, following an

Track teams gear up for indoor season

By J’Ron Erby
Staff Writer

The Wayne State College track and field team begins its season at home this weekend, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, with the WSC Pre-Season Open. The Wildcats are predicted to do tremendous things this season, returning multiple key athletes on both the men as well as the women’s teams.

The men return two-time All-American Ross Bunchek, whose specialty is the 35-pound weight throw, Alex Timperley, who competes in the triple jump, as well as Andrew Jansen, the 600-meter specialist.

The women’s team returns two All-Americans with Nicole Brungardt, who was awarded the All-American honor in the 60 meters, long jump, as well as the 4 x 500 meter relay. The second All-American, Paige Pollard, is an 800-meter relay specialist who also runs the 4 x 400 meter relay. Also, Carly Fehringer was a national qualifier last year in the shot put.

Coach Marlon Brink believes the team will have an even greater season this year, adding on to the outstanding season the team had last year. He says every athlete has shown great dedication and improvement in preparing for the upcoming year.

“Briamne Hofsetter in the triple jumplong jump, as well as Carly Fehringer, have made very significant gains in the off-season,” Brink said. “I also think Ross Bunchek, Andrew Jansen and Alex Timperley have all stepped up a level, and I expect consistent performances from them.”

With every sport each year, a new class of freshmen is introduced. Brink believes this class of freshmen can have a key impact on the team.

“Sara Wells is a good thrower with much potential. Stephanie Baumgart (sprints/long jump), as well as Rebecca Davenport (long jump/multi), look like they will make a significant impact this year,” Brink said. “Zach Thomsen and Jared Balady should immediately make an impact on the team. It’s hard to tell who will step up at the college level, but we have some athletes who are ready for the challenge.”

Brink said his goals for the team are just as high this year as they are every year.

“Place high as possible as a team in the NSIC Championships, have as many individual NSIC Championships and All-Conference honors as possible,” he said. “We will try to qualify athletes for the NCAA Championships to earn All-American honors, and along the way, I expect some WSC school records to be broken.”

Sounds like the Wildcats are ready to tear it up this year on the track. The goals have been set, now let’s see them be met.

Adol Aloung layup as time expired. UC-Colorado Springs opened the second half with an 11-4 run within the first six minutes. The Wildcats defense took control, holding the Mountain Lions scoreless over a five minute span.

“This group will continue to grow and gain the valuable experience needed to be playing our best basketball at the end of the year,” Combs said. “Our biggest challenge early this season has been putting together two consistent solid halves of basketball.”

Northwest Nazarene edged the Wildcats in a late thriller, winning 61-54 at UC-Colorado Springs on Nov. 18.

Shelby led the Wildcats in scoring with 14 points, and Williams added 12 and nine rebounds.

After streaky scoring by both teams, the score was tied again at 66-66 with 1:30 to play. The Crusaders scored four points on a three-pointer, but Seroyer answered with his own three-pointer to tie the game at 69.

Wayne State took a 71-69 lead with 40 seconds to play. The Crusaders answered with a three-pointer to trim the lead to three, but Wayne State made both of its free throws to seal the win. The Wildcats sit at 1-3 on the season.

The Wayne State College men’s basketball team huddles around head coach Paul Combs during a game at Rice Auditorium earlier this season. WSC trailed in-state rival Nebraska-Kearney by 30 points before cutting the lead to three. UNK went on to win 63-52. Senior point guard Vontrell Seroyer scored a career-high 32 points.

The Wildcats sit at 1-3 on the season.
The long road home

Third-seeded Wildcats sent home early from NCAA Tournament

By Richard Rhoden
Staff Writer

The 2011 volleyball season ended early in the NCAA tournament for the Wayne State Wildcats.

The sixth-seeded Minnesota-Duluth team defeated third-seeded Wayne State Nov. 17 in the first round in the Central Regional of the Division-I NCAA Tournament. Scores of the contest were 25-14, 25-23 and 25-19.

The Wildcats ended the season 23-8.

Duluth jumped out to an early 11-3 lead over Wayne State in the first set and established their largest lead of the set to 12 points at 16-4. Wayne State grabbed the lead at 20-19 and built a 22-20 lead. The Bulldogs were able to close out the set on a 6-4 run to take a 2-0 lead after two sets.

After intermission, Minnesota-Duluth came out on fire in the third set, taking a 10-2 lead. WSC went on a 6-3 run to make the score 13-8. Wayne State continued to fire back, taking the score to 18-15.

The Wildcats continued to claw back, eventually tying the game at 20, 20-20. Minnesota-Duluth then went on a 7-1 run to defeat the Wildcats 25-19.

"Minnesota-Duluth was a tough team," head coach Scott Kneifl said. "They were a great group of girls and were very important to this team," Kneifl said. "They will definitely be missed. All five of these girls had a lot of accomplishments and all meant something to this team.

"These girls made it to four consecutive NCAA tournaments, and not a lot of people can say that."

Wayne State hit .100 in the match with 29 kills and 19 errors on 102 attacks, while Duluth hit .255 with 44 kills and 18 errors on 102 attacks. The Bulldogs also had the advantage in blocks, assists, service aces and digs.

"You need to play your best ball at the end of the season, but we weren’t, and we just didn’t get it done," Kneifl said. "I am really proud of our girls, and it just wasn’t meant to be this year."

Five seniors played their last volleyball game against Duluth: Nicole Brunegard, Leigh Connot, Tali Fredrickson, Mindy Moody and Shelby Schultz.

"There is a reason that they were ranked number-one for much of the season," Kneifl said. "We had to play our best ball in every game to win. It’s exciting to represent Wayne State College and the Northern Sun Conference not just athletically but academically as well," Reeves said.

Reeves will represent the NSIC on the national committee, with his term beginning immediately, lasting through the January 2014 NCAA convention.

Serving on the committee gives Reeves the opportunity to potentially move up to higher positions in the committee in the future.

"It’s too early to think about that," Reeves said. "It’s certainly a possibility, but it’s something to think about down the road."

Serving as a student-athlete liaison on campus, Reeves will attend future NCAA conventions and will meet with other SAAC representatives to discuss and vote on proposed legislation and hot topics.
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The Cuppa Corner

Poll of the week

Are you excited for the return of the NBA?

20% said they are glad the NBA is back

80% said they could not care less

Next week’s poll: Do you think your professors fully grasp the concept of dead week?

Top statuses

◊ "No matter which way you look at it, the first person to milk a cow was a pervert."
◊ "Don’t you hate it when you’re texting lying down & all of a sudden ur phone decides to be ninja & slip through your hands & attack your face?"
◊ “If your riding your donkey and someone knocks you off by throwing a rock at you, are you stoned off your ass?”
◊ “If your riding your donkey and someone knocks you off by throwing a rock at you, are you stoned off your ass?”

These statuses are taken directly from Facebook and are unedited. Any blatant and personally embarrassing grammatical errors rest solely on the shoulders of those who made them.

Overheard

Ever over hear a conversation that you thought you just had to tell somebody about? Now is your chance! Send us overheard conversations, rumors and anything else you feel needs to be shared.

◊ “Oh Canada” though he could drive from Grand Island to Denver on one tank of gas—didn’t make it! Ended up selling his Nintendo DS to a stranger for gas money.
◊ Amy: I like your accent, where are you from?
   Miller: New Zealand
   Amy: Wow! I have always wanted to visit Europe

Missed Connections

Ever been strolling to class and made eye contact with that attractive someone across campus? They saw you and you saw them, but have no way of finding them? Well this is your chance.

* I was wearing the black jacket and standing outside of the Student Center. You dropped your water bottle, and I picked it up for you. If you would like to have lunch sometime, meet me outside the GAG around noon on Friday.
* To the girl who sits behind me in public relations, please stop kicking my chair.

Crossword

ACROSS
1. Beginning  4. TV title role for Pierce Brosnan
10. Church recess 10. School for which one can make a scrapbook, say
13. Baby grand, e.g. 11. Blackhearted
14. Church recess 29. Hurricanes, fires, etc.
15. Musical set in ancient Egypt 20. Hurricanes, fires, etc.
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19. Riot spray 32. Ring
20. What a cadet won’t do (or tolerate those who do), per the West Point honor code 33. Kutcher character on “Survivor”
22. Artie accompanying a cane 34. Took the World Series in four games
23. Bale contents 35. Old
24. Four years for a U.S. president 36. Hurricanes, fires, etc.
25. “My gal” of song 37. Siestas
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28. Kind of torch on “Survivor!” 45. Coarse file
29. Shakespearean shrew 42. Frets
30. Devices getting all wet 41. More modern restroom
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38. Scissors cut 50. Bon ___ (witicism)
39. Spread around attachments 51. Destiny
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47. "Quit that!" 59. Blackhearted
48. Eject in all directions 60. Not so much
49. Laundromat fixture 61. Little lie
50. Bon ___ (witicism) 62. “Long ___ …”

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1. European car 6. What icicles do
2. Not yet final, at law 7. Prison unrest
3. Completely fill, as a cane 8. That is, in Latin
4. Tennyson’s ___ Arden 9. Affixes in a phrase
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Crossword borrowed from The New York Times

Think you have all the right answers? Find the answer key posted in the notes section of The Wayne Stater Facebook page.

Ask a foreigner!

Want to ask our resident Australian, Alex Osborne, or The Brit, David Synnott, a question? Speak up!

To Alex -
Q: Do you celebrate Thanksgiving?
A: No! Do you even know the meaning of Thanksgiving?

Q: Do you ride kangaroos to school?
A: No, do you ride fat kids to school?

To David -
Q: What language do you speak in England?
A: (Turned and walked away)

10 things that are longer than Kim Kardashian’s marriage

1. Her sex tape 6. Justin Bieber’s chest hair
2. Planning her wedding 7. Licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop
3. Michael Jordan’s baseball career 8. An iPhone battery
4. The NBA lockout 9. The crossword above
5. That pause that Dora the Explorer does when she asks a question 10. Tuesday nights at The Stater

Submissions?

We want to hear about your missed connection or outrageous statuses and stories. All entries must be received via The Wayne Stater email wstater@wsc.edu by noon on Monday.

Want to vote on our poll of the week? Find next week’s topic on The Wayne Stater’s Facebook page and cast your vote!
Only in America: It’s the most depressing time of the year

Alex Osborne

To most, Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year, and the Christmas song says it all.

However, to an Australian spending his fourth Christmas in Nebraska, it becomes an extremely depressing time.

In Australia, Christmas is a summer holiday, three or four months off school, beaches, BBQs and music festivals. Compared to Nebraska, two or three weeks off school, snowed in at your girl friend’s mum’s house with a kitchen you can’t use because it creates a mess.

The first winter I was here was the first snow I saw, and it was exciting as can be. I made a snowman, snow angels, had a snowball fight, played tag (tag) on a frozen-over billabong (pond) and used a bin lid as a igloo as can be. I made a snowman, dressed up with a Santa hat listening to Pandora’s Christmas playlist.

Christmas 2010 was a different story, for I was back in Melbourne. The weather was nice, and I spent Christmas lunch outside with my family at a family friend’s house. To reinforce a little stereotype, I saw a kangaroo along the way, but it was dead in the gutter.

For lunch, we had king prawns and lobsters. That night, I went and sat poolside at a mate’s place, drinking Crown Lager, which I won in a bet.

Which sounds like the better Christmas?

To make matters worse, back in the U.S., I was stuck inside with people asking me if there is Christmas in Australia. Not as bad as asking if we celebrate Thanksgiving, but still very annoying.

We do celebrate Christmas, but only at Christmas time. Our Santa Claus is not the Coca-Cola image of Santa, because that would have a heat stroke coming to my house. We even changed the Jingle Bells song.

“She's a teapot, and nobody knows it’s got a handle on her head。”

Christmas lunch outside with my family was a confirmation of this stereotype.

So, yes, our Santa drives a Holden Ute and wears a singlet, shorts and thongs and has plenty of stubbies in the Esks.

In my letter to Santa this year, I was quite blunt and to the point.

“Dear Santa, Don’t **** with me this year, and please ask Chartwells to buy the new Call of Duty already.”

It’s the most depressing time of the year.

Typically by now, there would be snow on the ground and little kids bundled up on their way to school. Not this Christmas season!

I spent my Thanksgiving outside with my family in a t-shirt and jeans. Sixty-five degrees at the end of November seems outrageous!

However, it didn’t divert me enough to see that Christmas is just around the corner.

Let me explain my sheer fascination with this holiday season in three short reasons.

One, to best describe myself during this time is giddy and smiley, like a little child in the candy store.

I just got done decorating my apartment, all the while I was wearing a Santa hat listening to Pandora’s Christmas mix.

I stayed up later than usual because I was in the zone and so anxious to see the lights shining and my apartment scream “Merry Christmas!”

Second, I absolutely love spending quality time with my family and friends.

I enjoy the process of choosing gifts for each special person in my life and anticipating their reaction come Christmas day.

The fellowship that takes place, not just on Christmas day, but throughout the entire season warms me up inside and fills my heart with joy.

The showering of gifts leads me to my third and final point, the best gift that could have ever been given, Christ.

As you have noticed, every time I mentioned Christmas I have underlined the word Christ.

This was done for a reason, and here is why.

Christ is the sole reason for the season.

Where did the idea of distributing gifts come from?

What about all the caroling and fellowship with loved ones?

The answer is Christ.

He is the gift that never stops giving. He is the topic of the carols we sing and the fellowship we have is all based around Him.

Everyone interprets Christmas in a different way, but it wasn’t until two years ago that I felt the true meaning of all these reasons tie into one.


It was very sudden and extremely difficult on me and my family.

She was the first family member that I ever lost.

After dealing with the shock and adjusting to the change, I was forced to enjoy Christmas.

During this hard time, I felt that there was no way to cope, no way to adjust to this horrific happening, but then I remembered; without suffering there is no compassion.

I was 20 years old and was fortunate enough to spend that many years with my grandma and see the Lord work in her life.

I was being selfish wishing her back on this earth when she is now at peace and in the presence of her Lord and Savior.

Two years ago, I lost an amazing woman in my life, but it was because of this loss that I could truly appreciate the time I spend with my family and the relationship I’m building with Christ.

I’ve always been an anxious little kid at heart when it comes to Christmas, but my reason for the season has changed.
The Lone Read: Very Pinteresting

You can find Pins ranging from scrumptious recipes to creative DIY (Do It Yourself) projects. People also find hilarious, inspirational and interesting photos to Pin. Really, the best way to get an idea of Pinterest is to visit the site and request an invite to join the Pinterest family.
I started a blog on Tumblr.com a while ago, and it is somewhat similar to Pinterest. The biggest difference between the two is the extreme convenience of Pinterest. First of all, you can sign on to Pinterest.com using your Facebook login. By doing this, you automatically have access to any of your Facebook friends with Pinterest accounts. This makes it much easier to follow the Pins of people you know in addition to interesting accounts you may find.
Another thing that makes Pinterest so convenient is the fact that you can put a “Pin It” link right into your bookmarks bar at the top of your browser. This way, if you are on any other website and see something interesting or funny, you can press the “Pin It” button at the top of your screen, and it will automatically Pin the picture to your Pinterest board.
When you do this, Pinterest also gives credit to the website where you found the picture. Pinterest was originally launched in March of 2010, but the site experienced the most growth when the Pinterest App for iPhone was last updated this past August, making Pinterest available to anyone at anytime.
Now, I don’t know about you, but I was amazed at the accessibility of this mega-blog. Maybe this type of thing doesn’t excite you. But if you enjoy crafty projects, thrifty DIYs, nifty tutorials, yummy recipes or silly pictures, Pinterest is the place for you.
Check it out. You’ll be glad you did. But be warned, increments of time spent on this website are larger than they appear.

Dear Editor,
As a series of dark comic satires on the problems that disabled people encounter in the real world, the 10 pieces in “Funny as a Crutch” succeeded with riotous hilarity imitative of the best sketches from “Saturday Night Live” or “Comedy Central,” with a distinct “South Park” off-color humor.
To be truthful, the 10 pieces should have been titled “Funny as a Crotch!”
Overt rather than covert sexuality (both uncovered and discovered) was a prominent theme of the pieces.
The message: Even the disabled want and get a piece—whether his or hers—of the action.
The uninterrupted two-hour display of 42 cast appearances in various states of ability and inability took a toll on my posterior placed on a disabling folding steel chair no doubt intended to create dramatic sympathies with those who cannot stand unaided.
I began to envy the characters on stage who could roll about freely in their comfortable wheelchairs or lean on walkers or prosthetic devices.
I laughed throughout the whole set of performances and admired the physical skills and bodies of student actors required to do stunts or enact repertoires of physical incapacities. Though I was discomfited by my seating arrangement, the energetic action and performances kept me alert and on my toes (all 10 of them). The playlets themselves were “Totally Accessible” because of the student actors’ presences on stage. I am always awed by my former quiet and demure classroom students who explode verbally and bodily on the stage.
I had no idea they had this dramatic talent hidden within their psyches waiting for the proper public occasion to display their bodies and memories, and, most surprising to me, to broadcast their voices at rock concert decibel levels.
My congratulations to the cast, production staff and Mr. Orloff who wrote this zany comedy with a sane stage who could roll about freely in their comfortable wheelchairs or lean on walkers or prosthetic devices.
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My congratulations to the cast, production staff and Mr. Orloff who wrote this zany comedy with a sane message: drop “ab” from abnormal and “dis” from disabled.
Don’t fixate on prefixes. Fix the problem. Change your views.
Sincerely,
William Slaymaker

Who Pwns the Non-Noobs?:

Well, fellow readers, we come to the end of our article journey together.
Although some of us will still be sophomores for another semester, we’ve made it past the main hump, and by the end of next year, will be juniors.
We’ve made it through Thanksgiving with no snow (knock on wood).
I’ll admit one of my wishes on 11/11/11 was to make it through the rest of this sophomore slump (almost every female I talked to on campus had been planning on getting engaged or married on 11/11/11 at one time or another, too...yeah, third floor RA, I’m looking at you). But with the calendar year drawing to a close and only a few weeks left of a class, it’s also a good time to start thinking about resolutions early.
If you’ve had a difficult sophomore semester, remember that there’s always next year.

Free Speech

Can I haz leet status?

According to the ultra-reliable source of Wikipedia and several other online articles, sophomore slump happens to almost everyone.
Even if it’s not the most pleasant thing in the world, it’s still a time when you’re taught a lot, in and out of classes.
Look at this as a time to learn about yourself and figure out more about who you are.
If you’re questioning majors, that’s OK. If you don’t even have a major in mind yet, that’s OK, too.
The wonderful thing about sophomore year is you can make a lot of mistakes and look around and find almost everyone has made similar ones.
And chances are, when you look back at this period in your life, you’ll see it was a time of not only struggle, but forging yourself anew and still having enough hours in a day to fit in “Modern Warfare 3” and “Batman: Arkham City” (some day, I WILL have an Xbox...). 11/11/11 and New Year’s Eve teach us that—along with the fact that nosiemakers around dogs at midnight does not a good New Year’s party make—it’s never too late, no matter what obstacles you’ve faced or feel you’ve created for yourself.
And often, what you consider to be a mistake now will actually turn out to be a major stride forward in the future, even if in an unexpected direction.
So, as you finish this half of your sophomore year and begin the next, remember to keep a positive outlook on everything.
Take more leadership in clubs, if you want to be more involved, or back off a bit if you feel you’ve been stretching yourself too thin and need to get back to basics.
Talk to people.
Let past be past and push forward into the future, knowing this slump—if you want to call it that—that will end, and you too will one day be a leet.
And as Scarlett O’Hara said in “Gone With the Wind” (saw that flick for the first time this week in a TV marathon...heh), “After all, tomorrow is another day!”
The Alien Speaks:

Dulanjalee Seneviratne

Every time I write a column, I start by greeting my readers, but I have to say that this comes from the bottom of my heart because it’s great to write about my experiences and opinions to all of you.

Since you just got back from your Thanksgiving break, I thought of writing on something that is appropriate to the festive season—family. Perhaps you miss your family from break, or maybe you couldn’t wait to put some distance between them and yourself.

Either way, they seem to be there whether we love them or loathe them.

Well, I can come give some insight into what family is like in a different part of the world, let’s say for instance like in South Asia.

In many countries in South Asia, like in Sri Lanka, family gets priority pretty much in every facet of life.

They are involved in almost every important milestone in a person’s life, and if you get fed up of them, well there really is no escape, since it’s very difficult for one to get away from them.

When I refer to family in this column, I refer to anyone in the immediate family circle as well as relatives.

If you’ve ever had the chance to watch the movie “Bend It Like Beckham,” you might be better able to understand what exactly I’m referring to.

In Sri Lanka, ever since a child is born, he/she is not just taken care of and fretted over by parents, but also by grandparents and aunts and uncles.

When parents leave for work, there is a slew of relatives to take care of the children, and there really is no need for daycare.

Once they return in the evening, the children have been well taken care of.

Although my family is an exception, to this day, most families in Sri Lanka live with members of their extended family in the same house.

Therefore, younger children especially get a lot of love, caring and guidance from everyone around them.

Imagine falling sick in an atmosphere like I mentioned above.

There will be no shortage of people to lend a helping hand and to help out with any chores and activities that you might be missing out on.

If you end up in a hospital due to an illness, there will be a long line of visitors to come, bring soups, show their concern about your health and inquire after your well-being.

Perhaps you’ve heard that kids don’t move out necessarily after 18 in this part of the world.

Well, it is true, and most kids leave home only after they’re married.

In some cases, they may even decide to settle down in their parents’ house.

On Thanksgiving Day, I got engaged in a traditional ceremony, and it was amazing to see how all of the family united to help with the planning, decorating and preparations.

Just when my parents felt like they needed an extra pair of hands to assist with all of the work, they had dozens of volunteers lining up to make the sweetmeats, arrange the flowers, move the furniture, take pictures and be there for moral support.

At the end of the ceremony, there were many to help us recount the fun moments, clean and rearrange everything just as they were.

So maybe as you dive into this holiday season, take a moment or two to appreciate how family has helped you out in those special ways that only they can, and perhaps that’s something to be thankful for even after Thanksgiving.

The Annexation of Puerto Rico:

Dan Keller

There’s a lot of talk these days about conference re-alignment and how the teams moving around are screwing things up royal for the rest of college football.

As someone who wants to see three power conferences about as badly as he wants to see another installment of the “Sex and the City” film franchise, I’m here to make sure that people are hating the game not the player.

University of Houston Quarterback Case Keenum threw for 457 yards and four touchdowns in the Cougars’ 48-16 win over conference rival Tulsa on Saturday.

The performance was another day at the office for Keenum, a Davey O’Brien Award finalist whose season low came in UH’s season opener where he threw for a pokey 310 yards.

Right now, the seventh-ranked Cougars sit at 12-0 with one game left, the Conference USA Championship Game against Southern Mississippi.

The contest will be a home game for the heavily-favored Cougars who, at the risk of counting unhatched chickens, will likely win easily.

Here’s where it gets dicey.

Despite an undefeated record with an average margin of victory of over 28 points per game, a top-10 ranking and video game numbers from Keenum, Houston, as most people know, has absolutely no chance of playing for a national title this year.

Houston is not the first mid-major to make a case for themselves in the national title hunt, nor have they produced the most compelling argument.

In 2009, Boise State’s undefeated season included a 19-6 victory over an Oregon team that would go on to play in the Rose Bowl despite the dismissal of starting running back Laverrette Blount for every game except the loss in Boise.

The BCS, college football’s infamous post-season format, was designed to eliminate any confusion as to who ought to be named national champion.

The system has accomplished little in 15 years besides forcing teams to watch on television teams that aren’t any more qualified than they are.

Since its inception in 1998, the BCS Title Game has featured the nation’s only two undefeated teams just four times.

In the remaining years, the BCS’s greatest hits include but are not limited to the following: A one-loss Miami team watching a Florida State team they had beaten lose to Oklahoma in 2000, a 2001 matchup between top-ranked Miami and a Nebraska team who failed even to win the Big 12’s North Division and the 2007crap shoot that produced LSU, the BCS’ only two-loss national champion.

The Bull Crap Series will, I believe, wait until the 2011 bowl season to truly paint its masterpiece.

Alabama likely has a spot secured in the title game secured for no other reason than they’ve lost a game.

Because the Crimson Tide lost to LSU—the nation’s top-ranked team—earlier this season, they were able to finish the season ranked second without having to play in the perennial ambush that is a conference championship game.

LSU does have to play in the SEC Championship.

But unless they lose to Georgia on Saturday by about 40, it probably won’t matter—Oklahoma made it to the 2003 Title Game despite losing their conference championship game by 28.

LSU and Alabama are the two best teams in the country, I’m not going to argue that.

But we could very well see a national championship game that features zero conference champions. There has to be a better system than that.

Additionally, the BCS is responsible for the mass exodus of elite teams from mid-major conferences to more prestigious leagues that make no geographic sense.

Boise State and TCU were the first to go, and I believe it’s only a matter of time before Houston follows their lead, and rightfully so.

What I mean by that is that while teams like Boise State, TCU and Houston need to play teams from power conferences to fill out their resume, teams like Nebraska can get plenty of quality wins from their conference schedule.

There’s no reason for a team from a power conference to risk an opening day loss in Boise, and pretty soon they’d have figured that out.

As it has in so many years past, the whole situation screams for a playoff.

College football needs to take a leaf out of college basketball’s book and let a few teams that don’t deserve a shot at the title have one anyway, if only to assure a title shot for the ones that do.

Shorten the regular season if you have to, and have Warren Buffet figure out a way to make it profitable.

Maybe I’m asking too much from the powers that be in college football, maybe a complete post-season overhaul just isn’t a part of the future of the game I love.

If that’s true, could we at least do something about Brett Musburger?
Marky Mark and the Music Review

‘18 and Alive’ by Chelsea Lee

By Mark Yrbicky

Staff Writer

Let’s face it, Nickelback sold out a long time ago. It seems as if the Canadian rockers have been content with putting out radio-friendly tunes since they gained mainstream attention in 2001 with their single “How You Remind Me.”

Now, you’re probably wondering what’s wrong with that. Isn’t it every band’s goal to make it onto the radio, become famous and perform in huge arenas? Yes. It seems that should be the goal of every artist/band. The difference here is that Nickelback used to be legitimate hard rockers (check out 1996’s “Curb” or 2000’s “The State” for proof), but ever since they gained attention from people outside the indie market, they have abandoned their original heavy-grunge sound in favor of pop tracks suitable for Radio Disney.

Don’t get me wrong, there are usually a couple of songs on their records that give you a taste of what Nickelback once was, but for the most part, the focus has been on churning out chart-toppers with little other than a catchy chorus on top of sub-par instrumentals, with weak lyrics in between.

Topics frequently covered on Nickelback albums include: sex, drugs, booze and rock-n-roll. The band seems to have nothing but a catchy chorus on top of sub-par instrumentals, with weak lyrics in between.

With lyrics like, “‘Nother round...Fill ‘er up...Hammer down...Grab a cup...Bottoms up!” the band tries to appeal to the “Thirsty Thursday” crowd. Gosh, these guys are bad to the bone (sarcasm).

If you have heard “If Everyone Cared,” then you really don’t even need to mess with current single “When We Stand Together.” They’re basically the same song.

“Trying Not to Love You” is almost certainly a future single, which will be used to satisfy Nickelback’s secret agenda to take over pop radio stations worldwide (not really). The other song I’ll mention is “Lullaby.” It’s a sweet-tempered ballad, with a ghostly, ambient intro that provides a fresh vibe for the rest of the track. It’s kind of refreshing to hear amongst all the sex/alcohol-themed songs on the album.

Nickelback has its critics, but it also has a huge fan base that will fight you to the death if you say Chad Kroeger’s vocals suck. I fall somewhere in between. I don’t think the guys are terrible, but I don’t think they’re that great.

To me, many of their songs sound eerily similar, which is why I grow tired of hearing them receive constant airplay on the radio when there are so many other unknown bands that are so much better and won’t settle for mediocrity, as Nickelback has done.

But Nickelback doesn’t care what I think. Whether I like it or not, the band will probably sell millions of copies of “Here and Now” to people who think it’s legitimate hard rock.

Then the band will spend the next few years touring and writing identical songs for the next album, which millions will also buy.

Whatever, I guess. “Here and Now” gets a star rating of two-and-a-half out of five from me.

Marky Mark and the Music Review

Senior artists showcase skills in show

Wayne State College student inspired by the work of graduating artists

By Megan Miller

Staff Writer

Some people are just born talented. Really, for some it’s just that—plain and simple. Bethany Kleinschmit is one of those cases. As a graduate of Crofton High School, I had the wonderful privilege of being involved in Crofton’s art program.

During my four years of school there, I saw many wonderful artists whom I aspired to with each art project.

One of the best artists our school had to offer was Kleinschmit. She had natural skill in realism in mediums such as chalk, paint, drawing, colored pencil and many others. She received numerous awards at the high school level. Her artworks were lifelike, and I could only imagine how college would help improve her artistic skills.

As Kleinschmit is in her senior year at WSC, the Senior Student Art Exhibition will proudly display her works from Dec. 5 through Dec. 17. Other key presenters to watch are Jesse Wassoner and Laura Daughton. Kleinschmit will be displaying primarily paintings, Wassoner focuses on printmaking and Daughton will be showing mainly pottery.

There will be a large variety of mediums, though, based on the wide focus of classes for art majors.

“My development as an artist has evolved from painting and drawing in a tight or super realistic way, but with time I have developed an almost whimsical method. It incorporates surrealism and fantasy into some of my works,” Kleinschmit said.

Viewers will get a chance to see how Kleinschmit as an artist has developed over the years. The show will feature work from Kleinschmit’s high school career as well as up through her senior year of college.

Branching out to different teachers, mediums, techniques and ideas can often lead to advances in art as well as education.

She has also received a purchase from Wayne State for a black and white print of hers entitled “Great Expectations.” Kleinschmit plans to graduate with a double major in interior design and studio arts.

She hopes to focus a bit more on the interior design aspect. Wassoner and Daughton are both art education majors and are aiming at getting teaching degrees.

Kleinschmit was born with a gift for art, but that’s not to say that she hasn’t worked hard for her development.

As I examine her artworks throughout the years, I also see a great difference in her personal style, subject matter and overall growth as an artist.

It will be interesting for the viewers to see firsthand just how much room there is for growth and development, not just in art, but also in the college experience.
A LOOK AT A BOOK

‘Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter’ by Tom Franklin

By Emily Houdersheldt

In southeastern Mississippi, two boys grow up as neighbors; one becomes a police constable and one becomes a pariah, accused of murdering a young girl.

Set in current time, Tom Franklin’s “Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter,” the story of Silas “32” Jones and Larry Ott plays out in dramatic fashion, with racial tensions and economic woes heavily featured.

Published in 2010, Franklin’s realistic style of writing makes his story come alive in readers’ minds.

The vivid details that he uses serve to enhance the readability of his novel and the very down-to-earth characters that take center-stage in his novel are easily relatable, as well as engaging.


Larry Ott, a white man accused of killing a high school classmate in the 80s, is ostracized and abandoned in his small town.

No one comes to his repair shop on the highway except strangers, no one visits him and no one talks to him.

Although Larry seems to be a bit on the slow side at first, it quickly becomes apparent that he just doesn’t know what else he can do or where he could go, so he remains a cast-out.

Silas “32” Jones is a black man who is the local constable in the same town he grew up in; the same town that Larry Ott lives in.

He was a classmate of Larry’s, but the opposite—athletic, popular and ambitious.

The indifference that Larry is treated with suddenly turns into disgust and hate when another high school girl goes missing.

This time, though, someone takes action and shoots Larry.

Silas, bearing a heavy and horrible secret, sets out to prove Larry innocent of the second crime, even though nearly everyone believes Larry to be guilty.

This dramatic and intense story is driven by emotions—Silas’s guilt, the townspeople’s anger and Larry’s lack of feelings. There are many twists and turns, as Franklin weaves his way through an intricate landscape of race, morals and rural Mississippi.

POETRY SLAM

Poetry Slam held for 26th year at Wayne State College

By Desiree Wilty

It was a great night for both writers and their fans.

On Thursday, Nov. 17, The Max hosted Poetry Slam XXVI. HUN (House of United Nations) members Alvaro Archundia, James Thompson and Derek Pufahl took first through third place, while freshman Vinal Lee took fourth.

“My favorites were from Alvaro, who gave me chills,” Birdie Turner, an organizer of the event, said. “James had a wonderful delivery and is so smooth. Derek is one of the most talented writers and always surprises me with his new material. I had never heard Vinyl before, but what a great performance. Overall, I think the judges had it right.”

The elimination-style competition began with 30 participants.

Judges had the difficult task of deciding which competitors to send into the second, third and fourth rounds, which were dominated by HUN members.

“Eight of the top 11 rankings in the first round were HUN members. Five of the eight people to move on to the second round were HUN members, and five of us ranked in the top six of that round,” Liz Lofgren, an organizer of the event, said.

The competition was a fierce one, with all 30 competitors coming to win.

“Northeast Nebraska is a hot spot for amazing writers. I was very pleased with how well we did, especially when we had such tough competition from everyone else who competed,” Lofgren said.

Fifteen slammers advanced to the second round.

After the second round, eight advanced to the third round, with the top four reading in the fourth and final round.

Outside of being treated to great poetry, slammers and audience members were treated to the musical stylings of Kendall Titml, who performed both before the competition and in between rounds to keep attendees entertained while the judges deliberated.

“I think the poetry just keeps getting better at Wayne, and I’m appreciative to everyone who participated,” Turner said. “It is the slammers who make the night memorable, whether they place or not. It’s the sharing of your poetry that you’ve spent hours writing. A part of a person’s soul that sometimes is very personal, that’s what makes a Slam great.”

BIG variety of animal hats!

(These are just a few)
Hold on to your hats as you blast into the past.

Grab your horses and take a load off as Wayne State students sing the way to the 16th Century.

The WSC Madrigals will celebrate its 40th season of presenting Christmas dinners on campus.

Dressed in 16th Century attire, the Madrigal Singers transport audiences to Renaissance England at the time of Elizabeth I for a Christmas feast.

Guests will be entertained with music while enjoying a prime rib feast with all of the trimmings.

The performance on WSC campus has become a well-known Christmas tradition, similar to the Hanging of the Greens event and the decking of the halls.

Madrigal is the most select vocal ensemble on the Wayne State campus. It functions both as a class and as a student organization.

“This year, there will be a recorder quartet in addition to 19 singers in the ensemble,” Dr. Ronald Lofgren, associate professor of music and director of choral activities, said.

The dinners provide a learning experience in many aspects for everyone involved in the production. “The musicians learn new music, and the singers learn something of how to correctly pronounce foreign languages. Everyone involved in the show will learn something of acting and interacting with the audience.”

This year, the performance will be on Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m.

It will be located in the Frey Conference Suite in the Student Center.

“My goals for the event are for the students to have a good time and learn a lot about early music and stagecraft,” Lofgren said. “My goals also include producing a good show for our guests so that they will leave going, ‘Wow!’”

Lofgren has tried to keep the tradition the same as it was when it started 40 years ago.

“I hope to maintain the high standard of excellence that was set by Dr. Cornell Runestad, the WSC choral director who started this tradition,” Lofgren said. “There is nothing (except the long hours, especially during production week) that I don’t love about this event.”

Ticket sales began on Nov. 1. Tickets are now $27 a piece.

Saturday night is almost sold out. There is still space available for the shows on Friday and Sunday nights.

Tickets are selling out fast so make sure you reserve your seat.

“I like that I get to work with a group of people that are dedicated and interested in being a part of a more selective group,” Karen Tschida, a WSC recorder player, said. “I hope that you’re going to the show because it’s going to be amazing.”

Above: Members of the Madrigals Choir perform during last year’s Madrigals Dinner. Left: Junior Jill Stara plays her part during last year’s Madrigals Dinner. This year’s Madrigals will take place this Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

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Members of the Wayne State College Chorale Choir perform a piece during their concert last night in Ley Theatre. The Chorale Choir is open to any students or faculty that want to be a part of a campus choir. The concert consisted of seven pieces.
Critic’s Corner

‘Breaking Dawn Part 1’

By Kayla Clark
Lifestyles Editor

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The shining star in all of this is that the music is awesome. Carter Burwell, who composed music for the first “Twilight” movie returned for “Breaking Dawn.” Plus the “Twilight” sound tracks have all been pretty good. I would say, you should see it if, and only if, you have read the books and seen the movies. It’s a movie that will only be enjoyed by fans of the franchise. Plus, Twilight never has, and never will, leave up to the incredibly high standard set by Harry Potter.

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The Improvement Movement

The good, the bad and the oily

By Kella Rodiek
Staff Writer

No one likes to have a bad reputation. Food, assuming it had feelings, would probably agree. When it comes to what you eat, oil gets a bad rap. For something with such a generally negative connotation, oils in your diet can be quite beneficial. Fish oil also earns a worthy spot in discussion. The acids DHA and EPA are known to lower the risk of heart attack or stroke, slow the buildup of plaque and lower blood pressure, according to MayoClinic. Omega-3 fatty acids, present in fish oil as well as some nut-oils, can ward off colon cancer and protect against aging factors in the brain. Ever notice how coconut is a common fragrance in body-care products such as shampoo or lotion? The oil of coconut is included for several practical reasons. It contributes to the healthy maintenance, growth and repair of hair and scalp. It is also moisturizes skin without any negative side-effects. Coconut oil can also be consumed in the diet to aid in weight loss, digestion and healing.

In addition to the three listed above, there are several others such as flaxseed and avocado that you may not even know are healthy. Clearly, not “olive” the oils you eat are bad.
Cooperative Education

Cooperative Education is a paid, credit-bearing or transcript notation program combining work experience with classroom learning. Contact the Career Services office regarding the following positions available through the Cooperative Education program.

**CO-OP EDUCATION/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**The United States Probation Office** is looking for an automation intern for its Sioux City and Cedar Rapids, Iowa offices. This position will assist the Information Technology Department with unpacking, configuration and deployment of PS’s, performing inventory of equipment and other duties. This is a paid experience, and the application deadline is Friday, Dec. 16. Stop by the Career Services Office for more information.

**Wells Blue Bunny** has posted a finance internship and information technology internship for the summer of 2012, to be located in LeMars, Iowa. Stop by the Career Services Office for more information.

**Holmes Murphy and Associates** has announced that they are looking for business-related summer interns. This internship will be in their Des Moines, Iowa location, but they do have various locations that you could relocate to, should you get hired on after your internship. Locations include: Cedar Rapids, Dallas, Davenport, Denver, Kansas City, Madison, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Peoria, Scottsdale, Sioux Falls and St. Louis. This will be a paid internship that will run from May 21 through Aug. 10, 2012. For more information about their internship program, please check out their careers site at http://www.holmesmurphy.com/careers/.

**Successful Lincoln-based print and internet magazine publisher** of 18 years seeks interns with expertise in InDesign and Photoshop to assist in its recent growth. This ad design internship is for students seeking hands-on experience in graphic design and publishing in print and online. As a design intern, you will work directly with their marketing consultants and art director designing print/web advertisements and posting content onto websites. The position could possibly work at a remote site.

**Mutual of Omaha** in Omaha is seeking an Information Systems Intern for the summer of 2012. More information can be obtained from Mutual of Omaha’s website at: http://www.mutualofomaha.com/careers/internships/information-services.php.

**Farm Credit Services of America** is currently taking applications for its summer internships. These internships are paid and in various locations, including Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. They are also open to students who want careers in the following areas: lending, accounting, human resources, information technology, insurance, marketing and communications and underwriting. If you are interested in an internship with Farm Credit Services of America, please go to www.fcsaerica.com to learn more or to apply.

**Bank of the West** of Norfolk is looking for a part-time Customer Service Representative. This could be a good opportunity to get internship credit hours as well as gain excellent experience for your resume. Contact Career Services for application details.

**DC Connection** of Wayne has a part-time opening. DC Connection is a web-based employment service for the chiropractic industry. The applicant will be assisting in the recruitment of clients via web-based marketing strategies. Some basic marketing skills would be helpful but are not necessary. The company needs assistance managing and facilitating its Facebook, e-mail and direct mail marketing projects.

Check out the website InternNE.com. This site was created to connect students with businesses across Nebraska that are willing to provide a quality internship. Check the site often to see what has been posted.

**KOLN/KGIN-TV** in Lincoln is filling fall, summer and spring broadcast production internships. Hours are variable depending on the availability, but the schedule is usually 15 hours per week. The spring deadline is Jan. 15, and the summer deadline is May 15. A resume can be submitted electronically to hr@1011now.com.

**Northeast Community College** is looking for online professional tutors to tutor various subjects, including biology, chemistry, math, English, Spanish and business. Pay starts at $12 per hour. Applications can be picked up in Career Services.

**Northeast NE Child Advocacy Center** in Norfolk is seeking help in its office this semester. This is a great opportunity for students looking to get into a field relating to child abuse and neglect, or for those who have an interest to see if this field is a good fit for them professionally. Please contact Kim or Christina at (402) 644-7402 or e-mail a resume to canderson@frhs.org.

Numerous other job opportunities are available for viewing in the Career Services office. Please stop by today for more information. The Career Services Office is located in the Student Center Room 101.
Here comes the BOOM!

By Dan Keller
Sports Editor

As God as my witness, I thought turkeys could fly.

Feathers were flying, or falling anyway, from the third floor fire escape of Wayne State’s Neihardt dormitory on Thursday, Nov. 17.

For those in attendance, witnessing gravity’s dominance over inanimate objects was a good time, even if it wasn’t quite what they were used to.

“I thought the turkey drop was fun,” freshman counseling major Erin Blakley said. “It was my first one, so I didn’t really know what to expect, but I enjoyed it.”

Entries varied from a confetti-filled printer to a gorilla suit, all of which left a smattering of remnants on Neihardt’s front lawn after colliding with the bull’s eye-emblazoned tarp at which they were projected.

This year’s Turkey Drop was a little shorter than most years, an issue that will hopefully be alleviated now that the new location has been taken care of.

“It was short and sweet. We ended up dropping everything in about five minutes, but it was a very entertaining five minutes,” 91.9 Program Director Travis Enck said. “Next year we hope for more entries, but we were short this year because of a late start due to finding a new location.”

PRIDE’s confetti printer took home the title of both Largest Splat and People’s Choice, both of which it won by a landslide. The TKE’s took Sharp Shooter and Best Dressed with the entry of two television sets. Recognition for Longest Hang Time went to the Wayne Educational Office Professionals Association (WEOPA) for the entry of a rubber duck.

With one successful Turkey Drop in the bag at its new location, The Cat hopes to have found a new home for the event.

“I think this event went very smoothly,” Enck said. “We are hoping to continue the tradition at Neihardt next year.”

Above: Riley Van Leeuwen, staff member of Wayne State College’s 91.9 The Cat, served as the emcee of the Turkey Drop this year, which took place on the south fire escape of Neihardt Hall.

Left: The Hello Kitty television won the Best Dressed award at the Turkey Drop competition held on Thursday, Nov. 17. Other objects dropped included a printer, a gorilla suit and a pumpkin.